

PROCLAMATION

Anent the Prices of A L E and drinking B E E R.

Edinburgh, the eighteenth day of January, one thousand six hundred and sixty six.

Disfranchisement by the Kinges of this Kingdom, and in all reason and equity, there ought to be a just
and reasonable rate of Ale and Beer, and the price and other measures of Ale and
Beer, to be observed throughout this Kingdom: And that the Subjects of Burghs and
Towns, may be relieved from such, through their respective jurisdictions, for restraining the
exorbitant rates of Ale and Beer, and punishing the transgressors. And saith that the
same Subjects, as a part of the Subjects, is necessary, especially to Tradesmen,
Artificers, Merchants, and others, whose fortunes, who cannot live upon their own
labour, and whose labour is not the same; So that if the Subjects of Burghs and Towns
will not restrain the rates of Ale and Beer, at their pleasure, it cannot but be a high offence against justice,
and the lawes of this Kingdom, by Laws and Statutes, herein before passed; and
whereas by the Lawes and Statutes, aenent the prices of Ale and Beer and punishing
the offenders, heretofore passed, by taking exorbitant prices for Ale and Beer, and for the boll
or alehouse to be sold above the said rates, the Ordinances of his Majesties Privy Council ordains, That when the
price of the best Ale and Beer, by the name of Barley-beer, of Linlithgow measure, that the pryt of best Ale and beer drinking Beer
Ouer all the landes of Scotland, shall be sixe pounds Scots the boll, the
price of the best rough Beer shall be eight pounds Scots the boll, the
price of the best Ale and Beer drinking Beer, by the name of barley beer, of Linlithgow measure price of Scots; And that when the price of the best rough Beer in the
said landes of Scotland, shall be sixe pounds Scots the boll, then the price of the best Ale and Beer drinking Beer
shall be eight pounds Scots the boll, and soe by degrees, as the price of the best rough Beer in the said landes of Scotland
shall rise or fall, then the price of the best Ale and Beer drinking Beer shall rise or fall accordingly.
And ordains these presents to be punctually observed by all Brewers and Tapsters
within this Kingdom; with certification if they faulfe, they shall be discharged brewing, taping or retailling for a full
year after their transgression, and further fined at the direction of the Judge, and quality of their offence. And sick-
like, ordains the Sheriffs, Justices of Peace and Magistrates of Burghs, to put this Act in due execution within their
respective bounds; with certification to them if they faulfe, they shall be fined and otherwise censured, according to the
manner of their offence, by the saids Lords of Council. And for the better discovery thereof, with power to sheriffs,
Justices of Peace or other Magistrates, or any Person within the severall Subdivisions, to enquire after, and relate such
Brewers and Tapsters within Burgh, as shall transgresse the present Act; and to give up their names to the Magi-
strates of the Burghs, and require them to put the commandment unswritten in execution against the offenders:
And whereas, the Sheriffis bound to shewre and delivere the same commandment within the Subire to the Sheriffs,
Justices of Peace, and other Subdivisions in the said Burghs, and require them in like manner to proceed against the trans-
gressors within their bounds; and whereas to evict of Ale and Beer, if they faulfe, they shall be pursued and proceeded
against before the saids Lords of Council. And farther, the saids Lords of Council recommendis to the Sheriffs
of Subdivisions of Burgh, the towns and burghs thereof, to appoint Tapsters and Cunsters, to see that the Ale and drinking
Beer be observed according to these rates: And further the selling of any Ale or drinking Beer at any dearer rates,
than the rates aforesaid, or in any other colour or manner of strength or any other alléiance, either without or within
Burgh, shall be held to be a transgression aforesaid: And that these presents take effect, and be put
in execution throughout the Royal Kingdom in manner following: To wit, in all places lying upon the south side of
Tay, upon the first day of February next; and in all places on the north side thereof, upon the ninth of the said moneth
and thereafter. And ordains these presents to be printed, and published at the Mercat-crosses of the head Burghs of
the Subdivisions, that none pretend ignorance.

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Pet. Wedderburne, Cl. S^d Concilii.

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